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In the application of )

HOGAN et al. )

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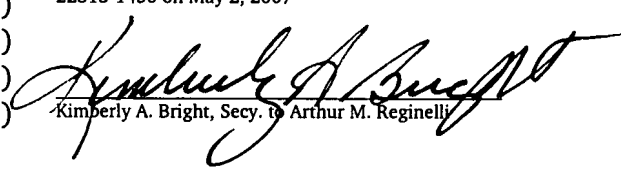
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**RESPONSE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2007, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.